

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 19

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Phyllis Stewart Williams
of Old Hickory.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of
the passing of Phyllis Stewart Williams; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Williams was an exemplary public servant and consummate
professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in
numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born on November 27, 1943, Phyllis Stewart Williams was the daughter of
Lester "Boots" and Cloa Clemons Stewart; she graduated from DuPont High School in 1961 and
served as an officer of Sigma Delta Chi sorority; and

WHEREAS, after graduation, Ms. Williams gained employment with the Tennessee
Department of Revenue, where she served with acumen and alacrity; then, from 1965 to 1974,
she worked for the General Assembly, rendering sterling serving throughout her tenure; and

WHEREAS, Phyllis Williams worked at Old Hickory Credit Union from 1985 to 2007, at
which time she transitioned to employment with the Davidson County Sheriff's Office, working
for Sheriff Daron Hall; and

WHEREAS, a leader in the Donelson, Hermitage, and Old Hickory communities, Ms.
Williams was actively involved in various political campaigns over the years and served on
many boards, including Leadership Donelson-Hermitage, which she served as president, as
well as Nashville Women's Political Caucus, Breakfast Club of Nashville, Women In Numbers,
the Davidson County Democratic Party, Davidson County Democratic Women, the Donelson-
Hermitage Chamber of Commerce, the Old Hickory Chamber of Commerce, Discover Madison,
Inc., and the American Cancer Society-Hermitage Relay for Life; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and awards, Phyllis Williams received the Rachel Award "Master Gardner" in 2018, the Gloria Coles Leadership Heart of the Community Award in 2015, and the Donelson-Hermitage Chamber of Commerce Anna Wiggs Award in 2013 and the chamber's Wrenza Jordan Memorial Award in 2009; she was named DuPont High School Distinguished Alumni of the Year in 2013 and the Donelson-Hermitage Chamber of Commerce Woman of the Year in 2003, to name but a few of her accolades; and

WHEREAS, she was also deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Phyllis Williams is survived by her son, Mark (Amanda) Williams; grandsons, Lucas Williams and Logan Williams; and brother, Wilson (Carolyn) Stewart; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her daughter, Mitzi Williams; and

WHEREAS, Phyllis Williams leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Phyllis Stewart Williams, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Ms. Williams.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.